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advertisement required under § 1944.72 of this subpart.

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§ 1944.71 Term of grant.

(a) For Single Family Housing loans/grants, HAPG funds will be specifically available for designated counties. Packages may be submitted after the annual housing application packaging orientation and training is held. The grant period will end when sufficient packages are received for each designated county or colonia or on September 30, of the fiscal year, whichever is earlier. The State Director must send notification, in the form of a letter, to all packagers who attended the packaging orientation and training that the number of applications specified in the advertisement required under § 1944.72 of this subpart have been received. Any packages submitted after this date will be paid for only if the grantee can demonstrate the package was prepared in good faith and prior to receipt of the above notification.

(b) For Multi-Family Housing loans/grants, HAPG funds will be available for designated areas or colonias to the extent specified in FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354's advertisement. Preapplications approved in one fiscal year, for which grant funds were obligated, may have the balance disbursed in a later fiscal year when the application is submitted and approved.

§ 1944.72 Application packaging orientation and training.

Agency approval officials will orient and train organizations on how to package. A newspaper advertisement will be published by Agency offices serving designated counties and/or colonias after October 1. The advertisement will announce that application packaging services are being requested and specify the date of the certification training. All eligible organizations may attend this training. This date will be no more than 30 days after the advertisement appears in the newspaper and no later than December 31 of any year. The advertisement will include the estimated number of packages needed by loan type, i.e., Single

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Family, Multi-Family, etc. Exhibit A of this subpart (available in any Agency office) is an example of an appropriate advertisement. "Certificates of Training" as required under § 1944.53 of this subpart will be signed by the State Director and given after completion of the training. Efforts will be made by the appropriate Agency office to complete this training process and certify packagers as quickly as possible. Grantees must attend this training each year in order to qualify for assistance.

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§ 1944.73 Package submission.

(a) When submitting its first package to an FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office, in addition to the item in paragraph (b) of this section and the information set forth in exhibit C of this subpart, the organization must submit the following. A file of these documents will be established in the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office and retained in accordance with FmHA Instruction 2033-A (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office).

(1) Proof of their nonprofit status under section 501(c)(3) or section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or of their existence as a state agency or unit of general local government legally authorized to work in the designated county and/or colonias. If the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 approval official is in doubt about the legal status of the organization, the evidence will be sent to the State Director. The State Director may, if needed, submit the above documents with any comments or questions to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) for an opinion as to whether the applicant is a legal organization of the type required by these regulations.

(2) An original and copy of Forms FmHA 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement," and FmHA 400-4, "Assurance Agreement."

(3) A copy of a current "Certificate of Training" pertaining to the type of application package submitted.

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(b) All packages must contain a signed statement which states, "Neither the organization nor any of its employees have charged, received or accepted compensation from any source other than FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 for packaging this application and are not associated with or represent anyone other than the applicant in this transaction."

(c) Form SF-270, "Request for Advance or Reimbursement" will be submitted with each application package for the amount authorized for the specific loan type in exhibit B of this subpart.

(d) The FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 approval official will review each package for completeness, accuracy, and conformance to program policy and regulations. Cost reimbursement will be made in accordance with exhibit B of this subpart. Packagers that submit "incomplete" packages for sections 502 and 504 loans/grants will be sent a letter within 5 working days after submission of the "incomplete" package advising of additional information needed. Payment will be held until all the information is received. Packagers for sections 502 loans and 504 loans/grants will not be paid for packages submitted on applicants who are obviously ineligible for the programs. For example, a grantee would not be reimbursed for submitting a package for a section 502 loan applicant with an adjusted income exceeding the limits of Appendix 9 of HB-1-3550 (available in any Rural Development office) or who already owns adequate housing. Likewise, a grantee would not be reimbursed for submitting a package for a section 504 loan/grant when the adjusted family income exceeds the very low-income limits of Appendix 9 of HB-1-3550 (available in any Rural Development office) or when the applicant does not own and occupy his/her property, or for a section 504 grant when the applicant is not 62 years of age or older.

(e) Submissions for sections 514/516, 515, and 524 loans/grants will be reviewed and, if incomplete, a letter sent within 15 working days advising of additional information required.

(f) Form SF-269A, will be submitted within 15 days of the end of the fiscal year.

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§ 1944.74 Debarment or suspension.

Certified packagers whose actions or acts warrant they not be allowed to participate in the program are to be investigated in accordance with § 1940.606 (c) or FmHA Instruction 1940-M (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office).

§ 1944.75 Exception authority.

The Administrator may, in individual cases, make an exception to any requirement or provision of this subpart which is not inconsistent with the authorizing statute or other applicable law if the Administrator determines that the Government's interest would be adversely affected. The Administrator will exercise this authority only at the request of the State Director and recommendation of the Deputy Administrator, Single Family Housing. Requests for exceptions must be in writing by the State Director and supported with documentation to explain the adverse effect on the Government's interest and/or impact on the applicant, borrower, or community, proposed alternative courses of action, and show how the adverse effect will be eliminated or minimized if the exception is granted.

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§ 1944.100 OMB control number.

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